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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: Medical Remedial Enlistment Program

>Ref: (a) MCO P1100.72, MPPM ENLPROC
(b) BUMEDINST 1910.2
(c) MCO 1130.53J, Enlistment Options Program (EOP)
(d) MCO 1130.57F, Enlistment Bonus Program (EBP)

1. Purpose. To promulgate policy for the procurement of personnel through the Medical Remedial Enlistment Program (MREP).

2. Cancellation. MCO 1130.51D.

3. Background. Established by the Department of Defense on 1 February 1967, the MREP was designed to allow male applicants who are diagnosed as physically disqualified because of remediable medical defects, to enlist under a medical waiver and have their defects remedied upon entry on active duty.

4. Information. The MREP provides enlistment incentives to physically disqualified male high school graduates who desire to enlist for terms of 4 or 5 years and have their medical defects remedied upon entry on active duty. MREP applicants are authorized to apply for an enlistment program (College Enlistment Program, Enlistment Options or Bonus Programs) if they meet the basic criteria. See the basic criteria per references (c) through (d) and paragraph 6a(3) of this Order.

5. Action

a. The recruiting station commanding officer is the waiver authority for accepting applicants under the MREP. The Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) physician will certify the medical eligibility of an applicant for the program on the Standard Form 88, marked "MREP", to be returned to the MEPS liaison for further enlistment processing.

b. Applicants will be accepted for enlistment into the Marine Corps under the MREP per reference (a) and the administrative instructions in paragraph 6.

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c. Upon entering active duty, enlistees will be sent to the appropriate Marine Corps recruit depot.

d. Recruiting region processing of MREP recruits will be prescribed by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island and the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region, San Diego. Processing time should be kept to a minimum. Upon completion of necessary processing, MREP recruits will be ordered to the nearest United States naval hospital for treatment. Close liaison will be maintained to ensure that recruits begin recruit training as soon as feasible after hospitalization is completed. Underweight recruits will receive treatment at Marine Corps recruit depots, as appropriate.

e. Recruits declared physically qualified at the time of enlistment, but upon arrival at recruit training are found to have one of the defects listed in paragraph 6c, will be retained on active duty under the following conditions:

(1) The recruit volunteers to undergo the remedial procedures necessary to become physically qualified; and

(2) Executes the statement contained in paragraph 7c(1) of this Order on DD Form 1966/6 (Application for Enlistment), Block 37. A waiver from the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) (MRRE) is not required.

f. Members enlisted under the provisions of this Order who subsequently refuse the medical procedure necessary to correct the defect shall be processed for separation in accordance with paragraph 6 of reference (b) if: (1) competent medical authority has determined that the defect has not been aggravated by a period of active service; and (2) the refusal of medical care is not considered reasonable.

g. Underweight members enlisted under the conditions of this Order who, after 6 months from the date of reporting to active duty, still fail to meet the minimum weight standards according to age and height may be subject to discharge per current directives. A member may be retained on active duty, however, based upon the recommendation of competent medical authority, that the "underweight condition" in no way affects the member's ability to perform his duties.

6. Criteria for Selection of Applicants

a. Eligibility for this program is restricted to male, non-prior service applicants for the Regular Marine Corps who:

(1) Achieve a score of 50 or higher on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) portion of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

(2) Are high school graduates, as defined in reference (a).

(3) Enlist for a 4-year or a 5-year term of enlistment. Requests for enlistment programs/bonuses will be sent to the CMC (MRRE) via the Automated Recruit Management System (ARMS).

(4) Are fully qualified in all other respects as prescribed by reference (a). Applicants requiring moral waivers higher than those that can be granted by the recruiting station commanding officer are not eligible for this program.

b. Waivers of the above criteria will be decided by the CMC (MRRE) on a case-by-case basis, provided the applicant is otherwise highly qualified for enlistment.

c. Applicants may have more than one of the below-listed medical defects provided that treatment for the second defect is nonsurgical when the first defect requires surgery. Simultaneous treatment for the second defect must not prolong or complicate the treatment for the primary medical problem. Applicants with external otitis, cystic acne, or underweight are most likely to benefit from this liberal policy. These defects, as determined by a medical specialist, must be correctable so an applicant will be physically able to undergo the rigors of recruit training within a maximum period of 8 weeks from the date of remedial medical treatment. Applicants with cystic acne may be returned to training while undergoing treatment when directed by the dermatologist. Correctable defects included in the MREP are:

	<u>Diagnosis Code</u>
(1) Pilonidal cyst/pilonidal sinus (See note 2.)	A
(2) Hemorrhoids	B
(3) Undescended testicle, unilateral	C
(4) Varicocele	D
(5) Hydrocele	E
(6) Inguinal hernia, unilateral	F
(7) Under minimum weight by not more than 10 percent	G
(8) Undescended testicle and inguinal hernia, same side	H
(9) Inguinal hernia and varicocele/ hydrocele, same side	I
(10) Simple goiter	J

	<u>Diagnosis Code</u>
(11) Deviated nasal septum with airway obstruction	K
(12) External otitis	L
(13) Hyperdactylia (hands and feet)	M
(14) Cystic acne, likely to benefit from antibiotic/Accutane therapy (See notes 1 and 2.)	N
(15) Gynecomastia, simple - not associated with or a result of endocrinopathy	O
(16) Ingrown toenail(s)	P
(17) Orthopedic hardware requiring removal to meet military entrance standards (requires radiographic evidence of firm bony union) (See note 2.)	Q
(18) Phimosis - when circumcision is required for hygiene	R
(19) Hypertrophic tonsils and adenoids with airway obstruction	S
(20) Nasal polyps with airway obstruction	T
(21) Abdominal wall hernia - only primary hernias, no incisional hernias	U

Note 1: Applicants with cystic acne who may benefit from antibiotic/Accutane therapy will need a dermatology consultation plus colored photographs of the involved body area. (Photos taken no more than 36" from body surface.)

Note 2: Applicants should have their physical examinations (SF-88 and SF-93) forwarded to the CMC (MRRE) for approval. An appropriate medical/surgical consultation must accompany the waiver package and specifically state the estimated time required for recovery before the applicant would be able to start recruit training.

7. Procedures

a. The Chief Medical Officer, Medical Examination and arranging for any necessary supplementary medical consultation or laboratory tests required to determine remediability of defects per the provisions of this Order.

b. The Chief Medical Officer, Medical Examining Section, MEPS, will determine if an applicant qualifies for the MREP. If the applicant is qualified, the MEPS will notify the Marine Corps recruiting officer and furnish the following records to that officer:

(1) Report of Medical Examination (SF 88), original and one copy.

(2) Report of Medical History (SF 93), original and one copy.

(3) Supplementary Consultation Report (SF 513), original and one copy along with original and one copy of appropriate additional medical records (when required).

(4) All medical records, originals and copies, will be stamped or marked in red ink with the following notation in the upper right-hand corner "MREP APPLICANT".

> c. The applicant must volunteer for a 4-year or 5-year term of enlistment and agree in writing to submit to the prescribed remedial medical procedures to include surgery, if necessary. The following entries will be made on the DD Form 1966/6 (Application for Enlistment), Block 37 for each applicant enlisted under this program:

(1) By the applicant at the time of enlistment:

"(Date):

The provisions of the Medical Remedial Enlistment Program (MCO 1130.51E) have been fully explained to me. I understand and agree to undergo appropriate remedial medical correction or procedure as prescribed by the Commander, Naval Medical Command, U.S. Navy for (enter disqualifying defect). I further understand that if, upon completion of such remedial medical corrective action or after a reasonable time thereafter, I am found not fully qualified for active service in the U.S. Marine Corps, I am then subject to existing regulations governing discharge from the naval service.

(Witness)

(Signature of Applicant)"

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(2) By the enlisting officer immediately below the statement by the individual:

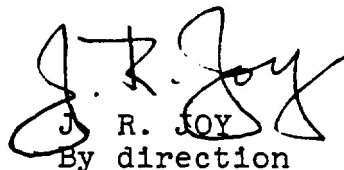
"(Date) :

(Name of Applicant) enlisted this date in the U.S. Marine Corps under the provisions of the Medical Remedial Enlistment Program (MCO 1130.51E). Enlistee does not meet the physical standards by reason of (enter the disqualifying defect)

(Signature of Enlisting
Officer) "

d. Accessions in this program will have an entry of X__D in item 20e (Waiver) of DD Form 1966/1 (Application for Enlistment - Armed Forces of the United States). The second letter will correspond to the specific diagnosis code contained in paragraph 6b.

8. Reserve Applicability. This Order is not applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.


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1. Purpose. To direct pen changes to the basic Order.
2. Action

a. In the reference line delete references (c) MCO 1130.60A, Quality Enlistment Program (QEP) and (d) MCO 1130.70, College Enlistment Program (CEP) in their entirety and reletter references (e) and (f) accordingly.

b. In paragraph 4, delete "... enlist for terms of 4, 5, or 6 years and have ..." of the first sentence and substitute: "... enlist for terms of 4 or 5 years and have ...". In the second sentence, delete: "Quality Enlistment Program, College Enlistment Program". In the last sentence change reference "(f)" to read: "(d)".

c. In paragraph 6a(1), change the numerical score of "100" to "5)". Change "General Technical" to "Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT)".

d. In paragraph 6a(3), delete the first sentence and substitute: "Enlist for a 4-year or a 5-year term of enlistment". Change the second sentence to read: "Requests for enlistment programs/bonuses will be sent to the CMC (MRRE) via the Automated Recruit Management System (ARMS)".

e. In paragraph 6a(4), change the words "district director" to read: "recruiting station commanding officer".

f. In paragraph 7c, delete "... 4-, 5-, or 6-year ..." and substitute: "... 4-year or 5-year ...".



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